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3. Assertion of Small Entity Status
4. Preliminary Amendment (14 pages)
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In re PATENT Application of:

Inventor(s): D. Joseph NEELY et al.

Serial No. 10/781,857

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Title: CONVEYOR BELT AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLY



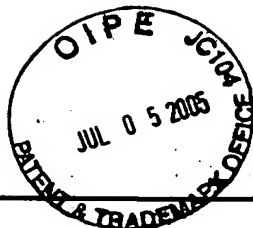
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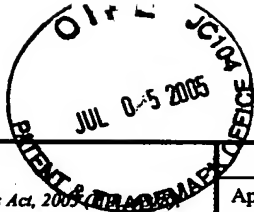


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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2005</b>		Complete if Known	
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**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple document claims	360	180

**Total Claims**    **Extra Claims**    **Fee (\$)**    **Fee Paid (\$)**    **Multiple Dependent Claims**

56    - 45 = 11    x    25    =    275    **Fee (\$)**    **Fee Paid (\$)**

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

**Indep. Claims**    **Extra Claims**    **Fee (\$)**    **Fee Paid (\$)**

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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification,    \$130 fee (no small entity discount)    \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Filed: February 20, 2004 ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
For: CONVEYOR BELT AND )  
METHOD OF ASSEMBLY )

**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)(1))**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby states that applicant is a small entity and that status as a small entity is asserted for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this paper.**